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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 121 appear in the reports of the Committee contained in document A/58/573 and Add.1

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 44th, 45th, 49th and 51st meetings on 19, 20 and 26 May and 3 June 2004. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/58/SR.44, 45, 49 and 51).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretariat on the possibility of operating guided tours, bookstores and gift shops at the United Nations Office at Nairobi and the cost implications thereof (A/58/727);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/C.5/58/20/Add.1);

(c) Related oral report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/C.5/58/SR.49)

4. At its 44th meeting, on 19 May, the Committee took note of the information contained in document A/58/727.

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II. Consideration of proposals

5. At its 51st meeting, on 3 June 2004, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council" (A/C.5/58/L.86), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Austria.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.86 without a vote (see para. 8).

7. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of African States) made a statement in explanation of position.

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

8. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council[1] and the oral statement made by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Emphasizes* the importance of the work of the good offices of the Secretary-General in support of the work of Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council;[1]

3. *Notes with concern* the late submission of the report of the Secretary-General;

4. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations as orally presented by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide to the General Assembly, by the end of its fifty-eighth session, a comprehensive financial report on the requirements for United Nations support to the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission, including clearly defined requirements to be provided from the regular

[1] A/C.5/58/20/Add.1.
[2] See A/C.5/58/SR.49.

budget and elements being financed from other sources, for its consideration at the early part of the fifty-ninth session;

6. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount of 6 million United States dollars for United Nations support to the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission until 30 November 2004, on the understanding that any decision on further financing must be taken by 31 October 2004;

7. *Urges* the Secretary-General to seek further voluntary contributions for the United Nations support to the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission.